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Dr. David Stone  
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1994 meeting  
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Oct - Nov. 1993

Dear Dr. Stone:

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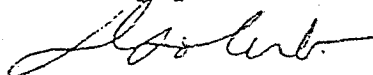
I would like to inform you that Dr. Robert Greenwald (Chief of Rheumatology, Long Island Jewish Medical Center) and I will be co-chairing a 3-day symposium entitled "Inhibition of Matrix Metalloproteinases (MMPs): Therapeutic Potential" which will be sponsored by The New York Academy of Sciences. The meeting will be held in Tampa, Florida in January 1994 and the program will include about 30 speakers with internationally recognized expertise (i) on MMPs such as collagenase, gelatinase, stromelysin etc...; (ii) on the relevance of these proteinases to the pathogenesis of a variety of diseases including (but not limited to) rheumatoid- and osteo-arthritis, periodontal disease, corneal ulcers, bone resorption, tumor-induced angiogenesis and metastasis etc..., and (iii) on the therapeutic implications of different inhibitors (e.g. TIMPs, tetracyclines, synthetic peptides) of these enzymes. The papers presented at the 3-day symposium will be published in a separate issue of The Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences. Because of your interest in endogenous inhibitors-of-neutral-proteinases, such as  $\alpha_2$ -macroglobulin and  $\alpha_1$ -antitrypsin and their relevance to chronic respiratory diseases, I hope that you and your company will consider the theme of this meeting particularly relevant especially in view of recent studies showing that MMPs can inactivate serum  $\alpha_1$ -antitrypsin ( $\alpha_1$ -PI).

As a co-chairman, one of my responsibilities is to help raise funds to cover some of the costs of the meeting. Accordingly, I am asking your company to consider making a pledge of 2-\$5,000, recognizing that whatever amount is forthcoming would be most welcome and would be acknowledged publicly by The New York Academy of Sciences. In this regard, we encourage you to have

members of your staff, both scientists and administrators, attend this meeting; depending upon the level of sponsorship, your company may be able to send representatives with waiver of the registration fee.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future. If you have any questions, please contact me by mail or by phone (516-632-8912) or FAX (516-632-7130).

Sincerely yours,



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